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3A, MONACO. "The 59(9) DXReport" reports that Henry, HB9APJ, will be active as **3A/HB9APJ, April 7-19th.** Activity will be on 30-10 meters CW with an FT-990 and magnetic loop antenna. QSL via homecall.

3B9, RODRIGUES ISLAND. Frank Smith, AH0W, from the Midway-Kure DX Foundation (MKDXF), has released the following information: The Midway-Kure DX Foundation is about to embark on its 1999 DXpedition to Rodrigues Island (**AF-017**), the "Cinderella of the Mascarenes", **starting April 1st and running through April 11th.** Callsign will be **3B9R.** The DXpedition will operate on all bands, 6 meter through 160 meters and all modes. One of the 9 HF stations will be dedicated to RTTY only. Team-members represent five nations and include Bruce Butler/W6OSP, Kimo Chun/KH7U, Jari Jussila/OH2BU, Victor Keller/XE1VIC, Jacky Mandary/ 3B8CF, Garry Shapiro/N16T, Ned Stearns/AA7A, Yuuji Yoshitani/JA3IG/K1NT and Frank Smith/AH0W/OH2LVG, team-leader. Individual team members may also operate from Mauritius after the operation as 3B9/home-call. Acting as pilot stations will be Andy Chesnokov UA3AB, Tom Harrell/ N4XP of the Dateline DX Association and Gary McClellan K7ZD. During the operation they can be contacted as follows:

- ua3ab@dateline.ru
- n4xp@juno.com
- k7zd@inficad.com

QSL manager is Joyce Johnson, N7LVD, 5627 West Hearn Road, Glendale, Arizona 85306. A Web site will be announced soon. Up-to-date information can be found at:
<http://mkdxf@aztec.asu.edu>

5B, CYPRUS. Look for F5SQM to be active as **5B4/F5SQM** from **April 1st to 6th.** Also, look for George, 5B4AGC, to be active in the **CQ WPX SSB Contest** as **H2G** (yep H2G). QSL via

home callsign.

7Q, MALAWI. Activity will increase from this one. Ron, **7Q7RM**, reportedly is back in the country with John/**7Q7JL**, Les/**7Q7LA** and Harry/**7Q7HB** to follow. QSL is only via DIRECT to G0IAS. NO BUREAU CARDS!

BV2, TAIWAN. BV2PU will be active in the **CQ WPX Contest** as **BV2B**. Activity will be on all HF bands. QSL via BV2WA, via direct or bureau.

BY1DX, CHINA. A press release from Tim, N4GN, reports that the "Beijing- Chaoyang-Nokia Amateur Radio station", **BY1DX**, is now active. It is a first-ever foreign corporate sponsored amateur radio club in China, and it commenced its activities this past week on 40/20/15 meters. QSL cards go to OH2BH, Finland CBA address: Nuottaniementie 3D20, 02230 Espoo, FINLAND. ADDED NOTE: OPDX InterNet Subscribers will receive the complete press release as an additional bulletin.

CQ, PORTUGAL. Antonio, CT1ERK, reports to OPDX that he will be active during the **1999 CQ WPX SSB Contest** using the special callsign **CQ7ERK**. He will be active as a Single Operator/Low Power Single Band 10 meter entry. QSL via his home callsign CT1ERK via the bureau or direct to his CBA. Also, look for team **CQ9K** to be active in the **CQ WPX Contest** as a Multi-Single entry. The Team operators are: CT3BD, CT3CD, CT3DL, CT3HF, CT3HK, CT3IA and CT3KN. The QSL route is via CS3MAD, P.O.Box 4694, P-9058 Funchal, Madeira Island, or via the Bureau.

E4, PALESTINE. Peter, G3WQU, who has been operating as 4X/G3WQU from Bethlehem since 1975, has now been issued a license by the Deputy Minister of Posts and Telecommunications in Gaza, Palestine, with the callsign **E4/G3WQU**. PLEASE NOTE: E4 and not E44 or E41 as previously issued. Peter will be active during **weekends beginning March 26th** on CW only on all bands 80-10 meters, 160 meters is not available. Peter expects to be in Bethlehem for at least two years. QSL via G3WQU at RSGB QSL Bureau or direct to: Peter McKay, UNIFIL, PO Box 75, NAHARIYYA 22100, ISRAEL.

EM4, UKRAINE. The team of UR4EYT (club station of young technicians) will be active as **EM4E** during most contests for the year 1999. The team used to use the contest callsign UR4E. QSLs are OK via the bureau to UR4EYT, or direct to: P.O.B. 3363, Dnepropetrovsk-5, 320005, UKRAINE.

HK0. MALPELO ISLAND. Pedro, **HK3JJH/0M** will stay there **until the early part of April** now.

HS, THAILAND. Look for the RAST **HS0AC** Club station to be active during the **CQWW SSB WPX Contest** as a Multi/Single entry. Operators will be HS1CKC, HS1BZY, HS0GBI, HS0VGC, E21ENF and E21EIC. The team of operators are licenced to use 80 and 160 meters during the contest. HS0AC activity will be on 10/15/20/40/80/160 meters. QSL Manager is HS0/G3NOM. Also, look for **HS7UCQ/p** to be active in the **CQWW WPX Contest**. Operators will be HS7UCQ, HS7VMI and E21IZC. QSL Manager is E21IZC.

IOTA NEWS. Hans, DF5UG, will re-attempt a landing on **Pulau Satang (OC-165)**, subject to weather and tidal conditions. He will use the callsign **9M8QQ**. He has received permission

from the National Museum of Sarawak for a two night stay on the island, and the use of a generator which was not previously allowed. He plans to leave for the island at 0630z on Saturday, **March 27th**, and to depart after 0400z on Monday, **March 29th**. Look for him on the IOTA SSB frequencies on 14/21/28 Mhz. QSL via DF5UG.

IOTA NEWS. Veronica, IK3ZAW, reports to OPDX that her friend Kiki, SV1BRL, and she (and possibly other Athens ham) will be operating next weekend (**April 3-4th**) from **Evvoia Island (EU-060)**. They will be signing with a special callsign, **J41YLS** (YLs hi!). Operations will be on phone and as usual CW, and she will possibly try some of the RS-13 and AO-27 orbits.

JX, JAN MAYEN. If you need this one you better work it soon. Per, LA7DFA, will go QRT as **JX7DFA** on April 16th and return to Norway. He reports that there will not be any further amateur radio activity this summer. Look for Per between 1800 and 2230z on 20 meters SSB/RTTY. Also, check 30 meters.

KP2, AMERICAN VIRGIN ISLANDS. The "DX News Letter" reports that Chet, W6XK, will be active as **WP2Z** during the **CQ WPX SSB Contest**. QSL via KU9C. Before and after the contest he will be signing as **KP2/W6XK**. QSL via W6XK.

QSL INFO AND NEWS.....

- **MORE ON ZF2NT QSL ROUTE (Correction).** Last week we mentioned that Chris, K4PC (one of 4-land's QSL Bureau Sorters), reported that many QSLs (for ZF2NT) have been sent to the Bureau for N4YBF (who does not keep SASEs on file with the Bureau). OPDX and K4PC have learned since then, thanks to N2AU and ZF2NT, that N4YBF is NOT the QSL Manager for Bruce, ZF2NT. Art, N2AU, reports that in May of 1998, the callsign was reissued to Bruce Sawyer, N6NT, and Art has been the QSL Manager for ZF2NT since day one of Bruce's operation. Art has contacted Chris, K4PC, by E-mail and will be sending Chris some SASEs to answer the bureau cards. So the story has a happy ending.
- **HC8L QSL ROUTE UPDATE.** Art, N2AU, reports that he is now the QSL Manager for Dave, W6NL, who operated as HC8L in the past ARRL SSB DX Contest. He states that it will take 6-8 weeks to get cards and logs. So, all cards for the last ARRL SSB Contest and future operations go via N2AU.
- Art, N2AU, also reports to OPDX that he is the QSL Manager for the following stations: **NH7A, YC0LOW, YB0ARA/9, YB0JWA, KH6X, KH6T, KH6XT, XE1RGL, ZF2NT, HC8L, V31DX, 4X6TT, V29TT, RZ9WZ, UA9FGR, ZP5XF, YO3APJ (NA only), CT1EGW, KL7Y, CT98EGW, and W6XR.**
- Reports indicate that the **FO0SIL** QSLs are being received.....
- QSLs for the **NP3X CQ WPX Contest** operation go via W4DN.....
- **Z2/ZS6PDX QSL CARDS.** David, ZS6RVG, has informed OPDX that due to a computer problem, David hit the wrong key, and the QSO times on his computer logs for most of the Z2/ZS6PDX trip were set to 1500z. David has received a lot of direct cards and was able to rebuild alot of the database with approx. the correct QSO times. However, about 250 cards have been sent to the bureau with the time field blank. David hopes that this will not cause to many problems, and thanks everyone for their patience and tolerance.
- **E44/OZ5IPA** cards for this one-man DXpedition to Palestine (March 10-15th, 4659

QSOs) have been received from the printers. QSL Manager is OZ5AAH, Ben Jakobsen, 9 Knoldager, DK-2670 Greve, Denmark. Cards without sufficient postage (2 IRC or similar) will be sent back via bureau. By the way, Ben is also QSL Manager for: OX3IPA, OY5IPA, HS0/OZ5IPA, and TF/OZ5IPA.

- Charlie, W0YG, has requested not to QSL using the ARRL Bureau system for his recent **VK9XX/YY** operation. If you insist on QSLing through the Bureau, please use the WF5E QSL service which is much easier for Charlie's QSLing team.
- Veronica, IK3ZAW, reports that last Saturday she received the **5A1IC** printed QSLs, and on Monday (March 22nd) all the direct requests have been answered. As for the **5A22PA** QSLs, she is still waiting for both the cards and the logs. She states both operations can be answered via the bureau.

SPECIAL EVENT. "The 59(9) DXReport" reports that Mike, ZL1MH, will use **ZL2RN/1**, **April 1-30th**, as part of the **Commonwealth Area Stations tribute to Portishead Radio**. Activity will be CW on 7020, 10120, 14050, 21050 and 28050 kHz.

SPECIAL EVENT/PREFIX. Industry Canada has released the prefix **CY6** for use by the Calgary area amateurs from **July 1-14th**. This is to celebrate the world famous **Calgary Stampede**. This will be a good time to work on your Stampede City Award. Full details of the award can be seen at: <http://www.cara.ampr.org/stampede.html> **VE6NQ** is a two point station for the award and will be on July 1st, in the Canada Day contest. All inquiries can be sent to: ve6yc@rac.ca

TM7, FRANCE. Look for F5AMH to use the callsign **TM7T** in this weekend's **CQ WPX SSB Contest**.

TZ, MALI. Alexandre, **TZ6AK**, can sometimes be found on 20 meters around 0630z, but is hard to find on the bands. A report indicates that he responds to a "CQ DX", and he listens for stations instead of calling himself. OPDX has also learned that Alexandre is French and speaks little English. QSL info is to: PO Box 933, Bamako, Mali.

WEBSITE OF INTEREST. Leon, W5NA, says to check out the following MDXA's Web site, "put together by a bunch of DXERS and Contesters.... who also run the ARRL W5 Incoming QSL Bureau": <http://www.mdxa.org>

ZC4 OPERATION CANCELLED. A report states that George, 5B4AGC, will not operate from ZC4 on March 26th. His mother has passed way, and he has returned to the UK.

ZD8, ASCENSION ISLAND. The "DX News Sheet" reports that Jim/N6TJ and Glen/K6NA are active again **until March 31st** as **ZD8Z** and **ZD8A**. This will include activity in the **CQ WPX SSB Contest** (Single Band 10 and 15 meters). QSL ZD8Z via VE3HO and ZD8A via home callsign.

SPECIAL NOTE FROM THE EDITOR. Please send all DX announcements/information **"ONLY"** to the addresses below and **"NOT"** to the distribution InterNet address of: dxinfo@barf80.nshore.org

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<http://www.en.com/users/k8yse/opdx.html>

OPDX SPANISH WEB SITE. (provide by "QTC Magazine" and Tony Pernas, EA1CSI):

<http://www.intercom.es/qtc/qtcopdx.htm>

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